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RE: USSN 06/008013 Filed 31 January 1979/PM 828/D&O-78-22
"Smoking Compositions" of Houminer and Sanders

Dear George:

The Notice of Allowance has been received for the above-noted application. The examiner has also made of record the references cited by the EPO search bureau (copy attached). A review of allowed Claims 1-25 has been made, and they appear to be in order. Art has, however, raised a question regarding Claims 1, 3, 18, 22 and 24 as to whether a blend of the three types of combustible filler is covered in combination with the flavorant.

Since most cigarettes today comprise a blend of at least tobacco and reconstituted tobacco, it might be advisable to amend the noted claims in each instance after "non-tobacco substitutes" and insert "or blends thereof". Support for such amendment may be found in the specification at page 4, lines 1-3 and page 9, lines 1-5.

We will attend to paying the issue fee near the due date of 2 January 1981. Please advise regarding the possible amendment.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Hutcheson

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